

FISCAL NOTE

SB 426 - HB 557

February 25, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits anyone from using red flashing emergency lights or red flashing emergency lights in combination with blue flashing emergency lights except for firefighters. Makes a violation of such prohibition a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

Assumes that every local law enforcement agency and ambulance service now using red flashing lights or red flashing lights in combination with blue flashing lights will be required to replace such lights by the provisions of this bill. Such increase in expenditures will easily exceed \$100,000, since there are 95 counties and approximately 350 cities in Tennessee which may be affected.

Impact also depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director